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In re application of:

Group Art Unit No.: 2156

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Serial No.: 09/108,527

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IDENTIFYING BULK ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

For:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2002, the shortened statutory period for which runs until October 2, 2002. Please amend the application as follows: In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting as page 6, line 10, with the following:

Techniques for identifying which electronic mail messages are "bulk" electronic mail messages are described herein. Rather than rely exclusively on the originators specified in electronic mail messages to determine they are bulk, the techniques make the "bulk determination" based on the contents of the electronic mail messages. Specifically, a set of criteria is automatically generated based on the contents of electronic mail messages. Those electronic mail messages that satisfy the criteria are handled as bulk mail.

Please replace the paragraph starting as page 8, line 6, with the following:

When a central server receives a message signature, the central server generates a count of how many times a matching signature element in the message signature have been previously

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